

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 10-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

Applicant, through Applicant's representative Mr. Himanshu Amin on July 24, 2007, has agreed to the amendments as listed below. Nevertheless, Applicant has requested to specially note that Applicant merely agrees for the sake of expediting prosecution. In particular, Applicant believes claims 9, 1, 11 do not need amendments to overcome any concerns under 35 USC 112 or under 35 USC 103 or under 35 USC 102.

Regarding claim 9, Applicant noted that the claim clearly states that both the client and the server are authenticated to each other. Applicant emphasizes that there is no "requirement" that only either one of the client or the server must be authenticated at one time. Indeed, this is the heart of the present invention because the most detailed embodiment in the specification uses Kerberos domain controller. Kerberos is the standard for the mutual authentication. Thus, Applicant remains unconvinced that claim 9 is in any way unclear or indefinite.

Regarding claim 1, 11, Applicant notes (not just this moment, but also in the Appeal Brief) that these claims clearly recite "aliases." The term "alias" is a term of the art. The term is clearly and narrowly defined in standards from the Internet standards itself. Indeed, in the prosecution history, Applicant has specifically noted that the

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examiner's previous position on the term "alias"¹ was in error. See the references listed in PTO-892 which provides the official uses of the term "alias." The term specifically implies a feature within a domain controller situation. Despite Applicant being unconvinced of the necessity of the amendments, however, Applicant has agreed to the amendments for the sake of expediting prosecution.

Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Claim 1, "A method for" has been changed to –A method, using a domain controller, for--.

Claim 11, "A system for" has been changed to –A system, having a domain controller, for--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8, 10-25 are allowed. For the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, see the reasons for allowance noted in the previous allowance.

Conclusion

Points of Contact

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

¹ Earlier in the prosecution history, the examiner broadly interpreted "aliases" to mean the general "aliases." For example, the examiner cited the Pinkert reference to illustrate this general meaning.

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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(571) 273-8300, (for formal communications intended for entry)

Or:

(571) 273-3836 (for informal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT")

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836 or Kambiz Zand whose telephone number is (272) 272-3811.

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Patent Examiner

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